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Mostly Personal

For the past two months, I have been using this column for setting down some thinking about Author & Journalist, as a result of our experience together for more than a year and a half. As I indicated, I hoped to be able to bring forth some forward-looking suggestions by the time I concluded this series of thoughts. It is a distinct pleasure that I can do that this month.

But let me back-track just a moment, first. One matter is overwhelmingly true, I think, of writers in our modern civilization. That matter is that writers often feel—and often are—extremely isolated, sometimes lonely sorts of people. Inspiration and insight, knowledge and craftsmanship, are individual things; the writer has them, and when they add up to something important to say, he shares them with all who will read. One of the old classic paradoxes about art is that it is both particular and universal, individual and social, at the same time. The writer himself demonstrates the paradox.

The writer's problem—of working essentially alone with his own vision—is particularly true today, despite our great means of communication. Indeed, I think it is more so than in the days of Shakespeare's London or in the Paris of the 1920's. It is so, even in our large cities, where one may live for thirty years in the next room to a person and not know his name or character.

Anyone sitting for a few months in the editorial chair of $A\dot{c}J$ will be impressed with this fact. And he will be even more impressed with the fact that writers are more than hungry, even starved, for ways of battering down some of the isolation to achieve sharing of mutual achievement, problem, trouble. We hunt for those ways, and we keep them and expand them, if they prove useful. I agree with Dale White in this issue, that one of the important ways has been such a monthly journal as $A\dot{c}J$, where writers can share and talk shop for a while each month, and in the magazine, we hope, find renewed determination, inspiration, concrete help, useful news. This, as I have said before, is the essential challenge of editing $A\dot{c}$

the trade paper for writers is the core. But there are other helps, on the fringe to it. Two of them have been the writers' conferences or workshops, and the professional and semi-professional organizations, particularly the local writers'

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workshops and clubs, where those clubs have been functioning adequately. And a third—probably increasingly more important than either of the other two—has been education—including the growth of professional consultation and criticism, the growth of writing training in college and adult education, and the private class, when led by a person of ability and the individual critic and teacher. That is why $A\dot{c}J$ has been so strongly—I believe I may say with pride, almost alone—behind all of these developments among writers.

A new one is appearing on the horizon. And in that development I get, finally, to my subject for this last in the series of editorials.

I repeat that the sense of individuality and isolation is among writers everywhere. The great majority of our readers, who live in the large cities, from Los Angeles and Denver to New York and Boston, from Seattle to Miami, would rise in righteous indignation if I suggested that they did not have this problem. But perhaps it is more obviously evident in the case of the writer in the small community or rural area, particularly in the West—where it is often a hop, (Continued on Page 29)

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FARMING

with a typewriter

Farming with a typewriter can be fun as well as profitable and it isn't necessary that the aspiring writer of agricultural copy be a graduate of an agriculture college. For instance, I'm a farmer who never hitched a plow; yet I've turned a lot of furrows with my typewriter, made a lot of friends and some money in more than three years of reporting and writing farm news.

Writing farm news is a fertile field and numerous daily and weekly papers as well as monthly farm periodicals are looking for farm news of all These markets are looking for accurate information about agriculture, success stories, and how-to-do-it articles, especially about farming practices adaptable to the area covered by the publication and the people in that area.

There are not too many writers trained in this

field, but the writer who has a keen interest in life and people has a job awaiting him on the nearest newspaper of any size located in a territory which derives the bulk of its buying power

from the farm or rural area.

The primary requisite for the writer of farm news, like any other type of writing, is the proverbial "nose for news." What the farm news writer lacks in agricultural knowledge, he can make up by asking questions of those who know. Too, he can do a little research on his own in farm periodicals and bulletins published by federal and state agriculture agencies.

If he wants to find out about practices best adapted to his area, the agriculture writer can obtain this information from the soil conservation service, county extension service agents, vocational agriculture instructor, and other persons interested in agriculture, not forgetting, of course,

the successful farmer.

One day, while talking to one of the vocational agriculture teachers in Grayson County, Texas, for instance, I picked up two interesting stories about two of his students.

One of the boys had purchased six registered Hereford cattle for breeding purposes. Funds from this project were to pay this boy's way through college. That boy is now a student at one of the state colleges and is studying to be a veterinarian. This story appeared in the county's leading daily and in the Farmer Stockman.

I tried a catchy lead with this yarn. It went like this.

"Beef cattle may mean steaks on the table for most folks, but to James Pearce, Whitesboro Future Farmer, they're going to mean a stake in a degree of doctor of veterinary medicine."

The Farmers Home Administration supervisor for our county furnished another lead on a short

feature about a farmer who had in nine years, by his own initiative, rose from a tenant farmer to become owner of his own farm and a leader among the rural people in his community. He had shown the benefit of a program of balanced farming and good farm management. Too, this farmer had remodeled his old block-style farm house into one of modern design, one of the best in the community.

Obviously the theme for this yarn was "how he did it": A little about his background as a tenant farmer; what made him decide to own land in his own right; how he reconditioned the land on his farm by using soil conservation measures; and the parts of his farm program which help save as well as make the farm income.

A garden and an orchard mean saving on the farm income from cash crops for farmers in my territory. The county agriculture agent gave me a lead for a story on this assignment.

This particular farmer nets about \$850 annual ly from an acre of land under garden and or chard. All of the crop from this acre is used by the family. The value of the food consumed. canned, or frozen is based on current retail

I started this article by posing a question:

"Mr. Farmer, what is an acre of your crop land

"The answer to that question varies, depending upon the individual farmer and his farm program, but J. C. Maples of the Gunter Community says it is possible to make \$850 from an acre of land annually."

I heard of a World War II veteran studying vocational agriculture under the GI Bill of Rights, who needed a corn sheller and harvester which would enable him to shorten his work hours so he could attend school and still farms He made both pieces of equipment out of some old machine parts. He had been a garage me chanic before going into the service.

This story, too, had a catchy lead:

"A love for farming and a native streak of mechanical ability has spelled the difference between drudgery and mechanical farming for a North Texas veteran.

"Too little capital and too little time to farm while he studied vocational agriculture spurred Charlie Ferguson, of Howe, to shorten the hours between dawn and dusk."

A good lead, something constructive to say, and a good photograph for an illustration seem to be the important characteristics of an acceptable feature article on agriculture.

When writing for the dailies or weeklies in any locality, the personal success story and the yarn telling about adaptable farm practices that mean more profit for the farmer in the area

top the list.

One of the first steps in covering farm news in your community or county is to find out the types of agriculture enterprises and the variety of sideline projects in which farm men, women, boys, and girls are engaged. Perhaps your community leads in the production of cotton, corn, poultry, dairy products, beef cattle, small grains. Perhaps there are reasons why farmers should stop their present type of farming and change to a variety of land use better suited to the particular soil types in your community. Here are some of the things rural readers are

interested in seeing in the news:

The condition of the crops as compared with last year and the estimated yield and gross in-

come expected this year.

Unusual yields and how accomplished. Did the farmer use fertilizer? What type of soil was the crop produced on, sand, clay, blackland, mixed land? Was it bottom land or upland? he use soil building crops? What was the yield before he carried out these improvement prac-

Results of special variety tests, cotton, corn. grains, conducted by a local farmer. Did he receive help from agriculture workers, or did he put into practice ideas he had learned through reading farm news and journals?

Successful or in any way helpful experiences of local farmers. These may include livestock

feeding, swine raising, poultry raising, and others, giving details. There should be a number of success stories in your community.

How electricity has brought better living to farmers. New or in any way interesting uses of electricity or other farm power locally.

Preparations being made for community fairs and reports on them after they have been held.

Exhibits planned by local farmers for state, sectional or national fairs and the prizes received by local farmers at such fairs.

Concrete accomplishments of local organiza-

tions, home demonstration clubs, youth organizations, cow testing groups, community building of any kind.

Disease or insects affecting farm animals or crops and what the farmers are doing locally for

their control.

New crops being grown in your community and the results. Tell about the yields and whether the farmers believe them a good money crop and the use and market for the crop.

The weather, giving full accounts of rainfall estimates, drouth, storms, hail or snow, and how

it affects the crops or farm life.

Successful or in any way valuable marketing

experiences of local farmers.

Especially commended farm practices by the local farmers, such as early plowing for wheat to combat disease and infestation, cotton insect control, especially early season control, poultry culling or the culling of herds of cattle and swine, crop rotation, diversified farming practices, and the keeping of accounts on production costs.

Reports of recreational or religious activities.

THE MAGAZINE WORLD

FARM MAGAZINE BY JOSH M. DRAKE, JR.

If you have any knowledge of farming, gardening, or livestock and have an eighth grade education, you can write articles for farm magazines and sell almost everything you write.

My spelling is horrible and my grammar is worse, but I have sold articles and short stories to almost every farm magazine in America. I became a free-lance farm writer because of a series of things that happened to me.

I grew up on a farm and started writing Bang Bang stories when I was sixteen, but it was ten years later before I made that first sale. That was a true war story to Foreign Service in 1944, while I was serving in the South Pacific as an

infantry officer.

Shortly after that a Jap shell blew off my left arm and two fingers from my right hand. While convalescing in an army hospital, I started pecking out true war yarns with one finger. I sold dozens of these to American Legion, Our Navy, Leatherneck, The Link, Foreign Service, Infan-try Journal, and Army Times. For a short time I was sitting pretty; then the public suddenly grew tired of war stories. My stuff started coming back. Joseph C. Keeley, editor of American Legion Magazine, who had bought a dozen of my offerings, wrote me a three-page letter explaining that they would print few first-person war yarns in the future. He suggested that I try another field. Why not write farm articles? I lived in an agricultural region. If I simply looked around I could probably find enough material to keep me busy.

It wasn't easy to change from dramatic war stories to instructive, down-to-earth farm articles. But I soon found farm editors to be a friendly lot who usually sent manuscripts back with long letters filled with helpful suggestions. None of them seemed to have cold rejection slips on their

After a few months I was selling 400 to 2500word how-to articles at a penny a word almost

as fast as I could peck them out.

After a year I tried some of the higher paying farm magazines, but most of them came back. However, I did sell to Country Gentleman and Successful Farming in the same week. So far 1 have sold to every high paying farm magazine but Farm Journal and Farm Quarterly, and I haven't given them up.

If my articles fail in the top-paying bracket I

try the middle-paying ones. If they fail there, I sell most of them to the good old reliable pennyaword markets.

Farm editors are screaming for how-to articles, preferably with pictures. If you will take a camera and drive off the paved highways onto the dirt roads you can find enough material in ten hours to keep you writing for weeks.

Observe the farmers and ranchers. Stop and talk to them. You will find most of them friendly and helpful, after they learn you are not trying to sell anything.

If you see any labor-saving gadgets, find out how they are made and take pictures of them. Some farm mags pay as much as \$50 for a 300word how-to-build article with one picture.

If the farmer's wife has a new way to make dill pickles or pack a school lunch, ask her how and take notes. Nearly every farm magazine has a woman's section that is chuck full of how-to articles. If you would not like to see your byline on the woman's section, write it anyway and sign your wife's name to it.

However, if the article sells, you may run into the same difficulty that I do. My wife insists on keeping those checks made out to her.

Keep a check on all farm organizations in your vicinity. Outstanding achievements by 4-H clubs, FFA, and farm women's clubs are usually a sure sale.

I have sold articles to farm magazines on a variety of subjects. Here are a few of the articles I have sold: How to Help Your Rural Mail Carrier, How to Kill Johnson Grass, How You Can Help Improve Country Roads, Some Things to Consider When Buying a Farm, Ordering Chicks through the Mail, The Modern Cattle Rustler, The Farmer-Sportsman Feud, Don't Sell Your Farm, and Coyote Hunting in the Southwest.

Farm editors are always looking for articles that are related to farm life but do not read like a bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture. Let the professors of the agricultural colleges write the technical articles. Unless you are an agricultural expert stick to down-to-earth articles about the dirt farmer and to the dirt farmer.

While you are writing for farm magazines keep an eye open for ideas that magazines in other fields would buy about farming. Recently 4 sold an article for ten cents a word to Nation's Business about rural-city relations. I sold another to Coronet about rural folks. In the November, 1950, issue of Harper's I had a short article about carrying the rural mail.

After you have worked with farmers a few years you will grow to appreciate their dry wit, their loyalty to their families, and their love of

A PERFECT WHAT?

I wrote a poem-to me, sublime!
My friends agreed 'twas a perfect rhyme!

Just what they meant left me in doubt— So I didn't ask them to spell it out!

-S. Omar Barker

their soil. Then and only then are you ready to write fiction about farm folks.

Most of my farm fiction is half truth. While I am driving up and down the dirt roads of rural America, I often see or hear of a true incident that later serves as a starter for a short story. I simply take the incident and let my characters perform as I think real farm people would perform under the same circumstances.

A word of caution to all would-be farm writers: Don't bluff. Farm editors know farming inside out. They can forgive you for bad spelling, sloppy grammar, and soiled manuscripts, but they hate a four-flusher. Learn something about farming before you try to write about it.

Be exact. If the farmers in western Oklahoma cover a new variety of cottonseed with two inches of dirt, don't guess at the planting depth and write three. If an error like that got by the editors, it would cause thousands of farmers to plant their cotton over. Many farmers read their farm magazines religiously and try the suggestions they read. The careless writer who causes farmers to loose time and money is promptly blacklisted by many farm editors.

Don't write down to farm people. Modern movies, radio, and magazine cartoons have branded the farmer as a hick, but don't be misled. The farmer has grown up. His sons are graduates from agricultural colleges and most of his daughters are in the city teaching school or editing magazines. Those daughters who stayed at home have heard all about the traveling salesman. The modern farmer is as well read as any other average American and he can talk about the United Nations and the chances the Dodgers have to win the pennant next year as easily as he tells of a new sheep dip he is using. He can sit at a banquet with the lawyer, doctor, and business man, and you can't point him out by his dress and action. And if he is called upon to make an after-dinner speech he usually comes through as well as the barber, postman, or teach-

If you run across a story you think might be instructive, inspirational, or entertaining to the farmer, write it straight from the shoulder as if you were talking to your best friend. Farm editors can't find enough fresh free-lance material. Give them a try; they will treat you swell.



"The way I look at it I've got 'em over a barrel. Either they buy my story or I stop my subscription."

Montana Develops Montana Writers

DALE WHITE

Few writers in broad and distant Montana ever have the opportunity to attend writers' conferences or to counsel with editors in the book and magazine fields. Yet today Montana writers have more opportunity for help in their craft and for contacts with professionals and editors than writers in most states, thanks to a grass roots program set up by the Montana Institute of Arts.

Still in its growing stage, this statewide writers' project is one of several in the arts and crafts which got under way three years ago when the Montana Institute of the Arts (MIA) was organized under the leadership of Dr. H. G. Merriam of the English faculty of the University of Montana, long-time editor of The Frontier and Midland. The primary aim is to preserve the heritage of the state as found in its history and folklore, to stimulate creative work in the several arts, and to make these cultural resources available to Montanans.

The immediate concern of the writers, professional and amateur, who helped form their particular section was divided into these phases: assist communities to establish writer groups for self-help and purposeful study through recommendation of qualified writers' texts and aids, and periodic workshops conducted by professionals; set editorial acceptance as the standard and goal; encourage those who do not write with publication in mind to channel their efforts toward enlarging the neglected field of state history; and plan valuable workshops for the annual state festivals, while displaying material by Montana authors and on Montana subjects.

The final step—work toward the establishment of a summer writers' conference—was a most important final step in the grass roots growth, representing the culmination of years of dreaming and planning.

The first state writers' chairman was Joseph Kinsey Howard, outstanding Montana writer with a genius for organization and a self-made success to give him that ground-level understanding of the amateur writer's needs. Assisted by two top-flight Montana novelists, Mildred Walker and Norman Fox, the first state festival workshop in May, 1949 drew over 100 who returned to their separate desks with notebooks bulging with practical how's, do's, and don't's.

These professionals contributed their services to this workshop and others in several communities, taking time from their own work to help coming writers over the more obvious errors and difficulties, encouraging and directing their talents toward proper markets and, wherever possible, urging them to look for their inspiration

and material in Montana's past and present. Meanwhile Naomi Lane Babson was doing the same at Bozeman, Archie Joscelyn at Missoula.

That first festival workshop was organized with doubts clogging every idea and action. Did this sprawling, sparsely settled state so removed from the principal cultural centers of the United States even have enough writers, would-be, amateur, and otherwise, to support a workshop?

The answer was overwhelming. Over one hundred attended—not just the curious, the pretenders, but eager, anxious, help-starved, serious-minded workers who deluged the professionals with the kind of questions that showed their interests were genuine, not pretentious. The very atmosphere was electric with expectancy and amazement that so many would gather for such an event. Many traveled 300 to 400 miles each way to attend.

Previously, the only guide for many was the fact-packed pages of such a dependable monthly aid as Author & Journalist, with copies mailed from Butte, Bozeman, or Great Falls out to small villages and isolated ranchhouses. Suddenly, here was an actual meeting place for exchange of ideas, for answering questions, for the chance to see yourself not as an isolated workman but as one of many craftsmen. It was heart-warming, stimulating—even precious for being so rare in the state.

The second year Norman Fox carried on as state writers' chairman while Howard became director of the Northern Rocky Mountain Roundup of Regional Arts. Writers groups in Great Falls, Bozeman, Butte, Missoula, and Helena came into being, some with separate poetry groups. In its third year the state writers' section is headed by this author. Writers' groups appeared in the smaller towns—Miles City, Chinook, Whitehall, Kalispell. A new project of coordinating writer groups in projects with other sections—history, photography, etc.—was encouraged.

For instance, at Butte MIA members in writer, history, drama, and photography sections are working together in this way: neglected points of historical importance, such as ghost camps, buildings, and trails, are visited on outings. Photographers take pictures, history members check the facts, and writers put the material into shape for local feature articles, local and state library files, for marketing.

The East Shore Flathead Lake writers joined notebooks with history members to record the story of early Montana forts in pamphlet form. Miles City groups, 700 miles eastward, corraled in a summer barn theater production.

As in the other sections of the Montana Institute of the Arts, the statewide program of assistance to writers is one of the most significant steps forward in bringing the talents of Montanans into a foremost position, regionally. From the lone writer struggling away on a dry land ranch to the large membership of its biggest branch, the MIA, through the media of its quarterly bulletins, workshops, and festival, is bringing Montana writers out of their past isolation into a future significant for themselves and their state.

ADVISING THE BEGINNER

ALAN SWALLOW

Since the pulp magazines seem to have hit the skids these days, what do you think about the

future for them?

This column needs to be as concerned as possible about facts and opinions based on observation. I hate, at least, to introduce too much conjecture—and none at all which isn't labeled as

conjecture.

Adventure and action fiction will undoubtedly be with us always. It is perennially popular. At this moment, as I see it, magazines are going through reshufflings as public tastes change—and, perhaps more important, as ways of meeting public tastes are changed. Action fiction is now available in 25-cent books; it has also been given a face-lifting into the new men's magazines and other markets. Under these competitions, the old pulps seem to lose ground. But the pulps are changing, too, as the bright editors of those magazines seek for new ground to hold what they have and recapture interest. I don't know what any of the pulp chains has yet found the full answer, but it is evident to me that they are on the way toward finding it.

Some of the observable changes are these: (1) an increasing use of non-fiction; (2) willingness to reach for the unusual and non-formula story, so long as it satisfies the needs of action fiction; (3) more and more emphasis on stories growing

out of character.

Recently a good friend of mine who is one of the large sellers of western pulp fiction showed me a lengthy letter from one of the editors of a pulp chain. Since this letter was personal, both the editor and the writer shall remain anonymous. But the following paragraphs state the

matter very well, I think:

"You've probably heard wild rumors and perhaps been a little disconcerted at seeing the reprints that we are using. We don't like this program any more than the authors, and as soon as sales justify an editorial budget that makes it possible to use all original stories, we'll naturally swing back again. However, all this is not nearly as alarming, or as doom-sounding, as some writers would seem to think. The net result is merely that we are screening stories a good deal more carefully than we had before, and at the same time trying to protect the rates of the people who do good stuff.

"I think that the day of the old hack pulp writer is pretty well over, and we are going after —and getting—a vastly better grade of story, more realistic and yet the kind which furnishes more or less the same fictional escape that any reader wants. I think that the emphasis now, as never before, is on character development, and the real story, as you so well know, is in the character himself rather than in some mechanical gimmick or incredibly motivated, so-called 'action."

"As always, however, we do like stories where there are sympathetic characters, and stories that end with some kind of a satisfactory conclusion. Those two points are very important, and also, I think, extremely reasonable."

I would like to write illustrated articles but do not own a camera. Could I use the five-cent glossy postcards sold in various places, such as the Museum of Industry and Art, Marshall Field, etc., and send these together with my article on such subjects to magazines? Would they be either

unsuitable or unacceptable?

Most such cards are copyrighted and cannot, of course, be reproduced without permission. If an article were written specifically about the postcards or items pictured in the postcards, it is possible that the postcards would make suitable illustrations for that particular article, with permission secured to use the cards. But regular postcards are not to be used as substitutes for pictures needed for the usual article. In the first place, they would not be meeting the editorial needs for 8x5 glossy photos; in the second place, one would not have the right to reproduce most of them.

In using newspaper stories as fact for articles, may a writer use the names of the persons in-

volved?

Fact—including names of persons—may be used in non-fiction if one is certain of the fact. It would be well to follow a few policies: (1) give source of material where convenient; (2) do not attribute to any person something not specifically indicated in the source; (3) if the matter is derogatory to any person, be especially careful about using names and particularly about accuracy of the facts involved.

New Books

For many months we haven't seen a new, important book with a "general" approach to writing. The last two of the kind were Jules Archer's I Sell What I Write and Scott Meredith's Writing to Sell. Since then most books published have taken up more minute, specialized jobs in writing. Here are brief notes on some of the more interesting ones:

Roger H. Garrison's A Creative Approach to Writing (Holt, \$2.25) is a textbook, but one with some fresh and interesting ideas for stimulation and learning the craft. Writing and Criticism: A Book for Margery Bianco (The Horn Book, \$3.00) is a very beautifully-printed volume, with Valenti Angelo decorations, of interest to writers for children.

Vocational Guidance Manuals, Inc., has published two paper-bound volumes, Opportunities in Free-Lance Writing by Hazel Carter Maxon and Opportunities in Journalism by Elias E.

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How to SEE 11 in your mind

BEATRICE LUBIN

Do you have trouble writing in scenes? Are you like a friend who cried despairingly, "The plot's all right, suspense, building to climax. My characters are all right. Only, I can't write in

Writing in scenes is simple-but first you've got to learn the trick of thinking in scenes: seeing the scene, not just narrating what happened. For example, I recall that "Once to Every Woman," by Frederick Borg, has a plot that's old but gor-geously executed. It's the story of a young waitress who isn't satisfied with her co-worker for husband, since she's deep in a Hollywood dream. And the awakening to reality is very simplejust that the actress with whom she identifies herself, and the Great Lover, stop in at the highway lunch and she sees them, hears them, as they really are.

The writing in scenes, the excellent, vivid detail in each scene makes this story so good you're positive, analyzing it as a writer, that Borg saw and heard and felt with his characters:

"From behind her came a hard dry sound. suspiciously like a slap, and her mouth popped open in outraged surprise. A moment later Grant's head appeared beside hers. He was smiling that slow, bland smile of his that always infuriated her, and his left arm was tight around

her as she struggled to return his salute.
"Temper, temper,' he said, and made a sound like a setting hen. He looked down at her mother, still burdened with the heterogeneous offal from the cabin, and he gave her his special smile. There was a close bond between the two, a combination of respect for each other's determination to see things through, and a kind of mutual commiseration for the burdens Ruth imposed upon them.

'Hello, beautiful,' he said.

'Hello, yourself,' said Daisy, grinning back at him, and thinking what a handsome pair they made. Grant with his lean, blond good looks, and Ruth with her pert heart-shaped face, her soft young mouth, and her dark, shining hair.

"All this time Ruth was struggling to get free. Suddenly she gave a quick, convulsive twist and slipped out of his embrace, and Grant was alone in the window, looking, with that smile on his lips and his straw-colored hair falling over his eyes, like an amiable sheep dog. As usual, when he worked around the place, he was stripped to the waist, and his muscles were like cables under the bronzed skin. His eyes, when you could see them, were gray and calm and widely spaced, and when he smiled, which was often, they crinkled into gleaming slits."

This sample has very little happening, it isn't the sort of "dramatic" writing you perhaps mean when you say "scene." Yet definitely this is a scene, etched with excellent detail, done almost the way you'd see it in a movie. It sounds like description, doesn't it? But the art of seeing it in his mind has been responsible for Borg's being able to show this scene, interlarded with narrative sentences, yet to have a DRAMATIC

Notice that this isn't deathless prose. The cliche hunter will find much to kick about. Now look at this bit, from "Love Is Elemen-

tary" by Jean C. Becket:

"For a minute her face was blank, absolutely nobody home. Then light dawned, and her eyes grew big with a kind of horror. But that was only for a second. Next thing I knew she was smiling at me, kindly, the way you'd smile at a mentally defective child.

"She stood up and pulled the covers up round my chest. 'Jock darling, go to sleep now. It's late. Some day you'll understand these things.'

She even patted my cheek.

"I slapped at her hand. What the devil are

you talking about?'

"The starry-eyed dream stuff began again. 'That golf today-' She started floating round the room in a trance. 'Why, when I was out there with Dave I didn't know if I had a brassie or a putter in my hands. Why, when I see him coming towards me, my heart begins to pound. I start

breathing too fast and my hands shake."

The scene-stuff (where they were, what they were doing, how it looked) is painted in deftly here, too. Again no deathless prose, no absence of pedestrian phrases, nothing so unusual that out of its context you'd be positive this was a successful, published, slick paper story. What helped put it into American was the vividness of writing in scenes, with sharply observed detail, with showing rather than narrating the story.

It is not that these two bits are not narrative. It is the type of narrative-they are narrated for eye, ear, emotion. Dramatic presentation is the key to scene-writing. Even an essentially quiet event in a story can be manipulated, in the writing, to dramatize its effect. Making the reader see the characters as they speak ("Temper, temper," he said AND MADE A SOUND LIKE A SETTING HEN). Letting the reader see the scene (SHE STOOD UP AND PULLED THE COVERS UP ROUND MY CHEST. SHE EVEN PATTED MY CHEEK.)

But you can't seem to do it, you moan. Or you try, and it doesn't come out right.

Before a writer can write it, or even revise it into his story, naturally he must be able to think it. In other words, the great trick in becoming a dramatic, vivid presenter of your fiction IS TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE SCENE IN YOUR MIND.

"You're either born with the knack, or the imagination—or you're not!" many people have told me flatly. That's nonsense.

Visualizing anything can be learned. Some of us learned unconsciously, in earliest childhood, and never realized quite how we learned, how we do it. Surely you've heard someone say, while off on a stream of remembering an experience, "I can close my eyes and see that house." For the writer who has difficulty in visualizing scenes,

closing your eyes and seeing things in your own experience is an excellent first step.

See in your mind some house, some room, some face out of your past. Merely the fleeting memory is not real visualizing. You must practice this, trace down your memories so that their detail is vivid, so that you can transfer your memory into words to show a reader that house, that room, that face. You must practice this! If your friends, mother, wife, or husband decide this writing fever has permanently addled you, stick with it anyway.

Close your eyes regularly, as in an exercise. Is your memory from long ago a certain house? What sort of roof? Color? Chimneys? Gutter? Smell the day you saw it. What else is associated with that house, in your memory? Voices, fragrances, events? Was it winter? Summer?

This is like exercising your arches for flat feet. After a while, the muscles of your mind-and your agility in expressing - grow strong and springy. You progress from remembering to actually re-creating, and from there you can visualize anything you need to.

For instance, I've trained myself so that when I've mislaid something, I'm able to think back to where I was the last moment I had it or saw it. I can sort out what my hands were doing, or what I was saying, or who was with me. My mind darts along hunting the position of that purse, that paper or wristwatch or belt I'm looking for-and usually, without moving a muscle, even if I'm miles away, I find the lost item.

Painters of my acquaintance have told me they can do this, too. Painting in the shapes, colors, textures of objects in our physical world has so stamped the look of things into their unconscious that they visualize at will. Writing, properly learned, must partake of this same intense familiarity with the look of things. Writing should go deeper, into the emotions of your characters, into the intangible undercurrents of actions, reactions, atmospheres, human mental climate.

Having trained yourself to visualize, even if what you transfer to paper seems thin at first, your next step is putting in a sound track. Dreaming up fiction, after all, is somewhat like watching a movie unwind on the projector in your mind. With enough practice, with enough words behind you, enough plots manipulated, your unconscious begins to work on story-ideas until your first draft, at its best, is simply taking down the mental movie.

We all must cut, shape, and accent the final story consciously. But soundly realizing your story, soundly dramatizing it, requires visualizing of a high order. And if you've never been able to add this baffling dimension to your work, try this first step in learning. Close your eyes. Think back. Select the details that are hazy. Put down the memory, completely, wholly.

If you still can't do it well enough, why not try a miniature stage set? Here's your shoe-box, or desk-top blotter. The story you're working on is boy fights girl. Here's your boy, pencil. Here's your girl, clip. SPEAK YOUR DIALOGUE OUT LOUD, move your hero and heroine, and as the tiny, fuzzy notions cross your mind-turn to your typewriter and get them down. In the writer's group I meet with, we found that for the first time for many writers, seeing the two little "puppets" made them come alive. Talking out the dialogue endowed them with characters, oddities, endearing little idiocies of their own. Visualizing via stage-set usually leads to visualizing without props. Millions of rewrites, disappointments, joys, later--several of our group could report, honestly, "Seeing it in my mind made me a writer."

THIRD PERSON PREFERRED

HERBERT JOSEPH MANGHAM

A friend, who writes slick paper fiction, and I were discussing work in progress. "I'm doing another story in the atmosphere of 'Wind on the Waves," he said, "but I am writing this one in the third person. I'm trying to get out of the habit of writing so much in the first person."
"Why?" I asked.

"Too easy," he explained.

I saw immediately what he meant, and the meaning grew in significance as I thought it over. Slickwriter is a demon raconteur. He can talk at any length on any subject. All he needs is one human being with one good ear, and he's off. He can adapt his narrative to any age, sex, or degree of intelligence. And with his natural sparkle and gift for expression, it is only now and then that he becomes tedious. Some of his admirers who unconsciously ape his mannerisms succeed less often in keeping their audience rapt.

So when he writes in the first person, he automatically becomes the raconteur. His undeniable talent sometimes submerges in a tide of words. The story may turn out interesting but so lacking in substance that it passes out of the mind as easily as it enters. He constantly has to battle what Ben Ames Williams so happily called the "deadly facility" that plagues all writers who have had years of newspaper experience.

I began to think of Sidonie Thwostlethwaite (if I have embarrassed anybody by accidentally duplicating her name, I'll console her with a champagne supper and my hand in marriage), who had been confiding her creative problems in me. Sidonie had talent and a good mind, but with all her Phi Beta Kappa key and her common sense her prose read like chatter. She had gone from home to boarding school and a women's college and then directly into matrimony. She talked as you would expect, and wrote as she talked. Her poetry was more impressive, and improving to the point where it was finding acceptance in important publications. I could see a light.

More than one editor has remarked on the apparently astonishing fact that the level of submitted poetry is higher than that of prose; the effort of fitting his ideas to unrelenting forms forces the author to put a higher gloss on his work. I had forbidden Sidonie ever to italicize a single word or to create "emphasis" by enclosing words in quotation marks. That and some other little femininisms were easily excised; but there still remained a baffling la-de-da that, combined with her amateurishness, made it seem as if she would never be able to train her sights beyond the women's page of the local paper, which was far from her goal.

When she tried the third-person discipline, the results were soon apparent. I found for myself I could add gloss to my own work. Those impulsive little informalities that the editor mercifully blue-penciled nearly always occurred in first-person writing; whenever I found myself slipping from third into first person, I reined up for a thorough examination. It wasn't the use of third person alone that enabled Sidonie eventually to produce professional prose, but it certainly was a big help. Especially, it provided us with another yardstick for the study of published work. We came to the conclusion that, while it is easier to write an article in the first person, it is easier to write a good article in the third person. We came to a lot of conclusions.

Most of the time we talk in the first person. Our



"The sink is overstocked."

years of talk create convenient ruts in our minds. Our minds are naturally lazy-call it overtaxed, if you prefer, but you're probably kidding yourself; so we unconsciously make shortcuts to ease them, clichés of thought and speech; we become garrulous at moments in order to hold the conversational reins in our hands until the idea we are trying to express takes form, or maybe in the desperate hope that an errant idea will find its way into the vacuum. So when we write in the first person, we drop into those ruts from habit. Clichés rush in to fill the vacuums; rambling passages that should be expressed in a sentence take up space that could be put to effective use, making the article tenuous and superficial. Our attempts at humor are too homey to have edge. Ideas remain half formul-ated. The inexperienced writer reading over his work subconsciously supplies the deficiencies; what he wants to say is in his mind, and it is not easy to separate what is only in his mind from what he has presented to his potential public.

The New Yorker writer does an article on a game-cock farm. He described my approach, how the farm looked to me, how I met the owner, how I reacted to the tour, what he said and what I said. It looks easy, and it is easy. Too easy for the amateur. Intensive experience has taught the New Yorker writer what to choose and where to stop; if he must repeat a banal remark, he knows how to present it so as to remove the odor. To use an English-classroom phrase, he has acquired form. That "effortless style" of the New Yorker is the result of sweat, often the sweat of a couple of staff writers whose names do not even appear on the masthead.

The inexperienced writer who uses the third person will find that his ruts often refuse to serve him. Not always; plenty of clichés and banalities will creep in, and will hover about watching their opportunity after the writer has any amount of experience. But when he cannot use his ruts, he will be forced to pave new roads. Thus his article will acquire a more professional aspect, if he is capable of the professional touch.

Of course, certain types of articles require the first person, such as the personal-experience article —"Educating Six Children on Poker Winnings," "How I Developed a Seductive Midriff," and this article. The interview may or may not require it; too often it is an intrusion. The horrible example of my experience is the interview the editor of a trade publication once conducted with Lillian Gish, in which he asked her twelve-line questions to which she meekly replied, "Yes," and then concluded by saying, "Flattered that Miss Gish agreed with my opinions, I excused myself," leaving his readers with the idea that Miss Gish was a colorless, monosyllabic female instead of an experienced woman who has written encyclopedia articles and advised such prominent figures as Max Reinhardt.

Some travel articles fall inevitably into the first person, although not as inevitably as the authors seem to think; the Mary-and-I travelogue, recounting Mary's cute persiflage with the Oaxaca serape weaver, becomes pretty painful. Then there is the world-affairs analysis by International Big Shot, what Winnie remarked to me at Teheran and its significance in the light of FDR's confidential divulgation at Quebec; but when you arrive at that

point, you will know it. And how!

To a lesser extent our findings applied to fiction. When you write from "I"'s viewpoint, you just go on and on, and what you have when you finish may be pleasantly facile or it may prattle like a bridge-tea character assassination. are other pitfalls. The author may develop a grating omniscience. He may present himself as knowing things he never in the world would have known if he had stayed in character. Egotism creeps in. Women incline to banality, superficiality, glibness, and condescension (sorry, girls!) . Men incline to vainglory, lordliness, facetiousness, and I extend no apology. Both sexes incline to ver-bosity. Women, no matter how clever, should never, never write in the first person singular masculine: "I, Bill Mullins, world's heavyweight champion, have a wife and two utterly darling children." Women do not have a command of the masculine vocabulary, nor is their comprehension of masculine psychology sufficient to justify their impersonation. This will come as a shock to the ones that

think they know all when they discover that a welltimed deep dish cherry pie will get them a mink stole. Even the tough-minded young ladies of the "tough" school of expression strike discordant notes. Please, giris, please!

CASE HISTORIES

As a delegate to a Methodist rural life conference at Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1947, I was surprised (though I shouldn't have been) to learn that soil erosion was wreaking havoc with thousands of our rural churches. The percentages of closed churches and abandoned parishes traceable to nothing else but soil erosion were shockingly enlightening. Speeches from the bishops down called frantically for the preservation of our most precious asset. Pamphlets, pictures, and periodicals readily available in the convention hall gave me all the information I could use, and more. I would write of this tragic waste and its effect on the church.

Religion and soil crosion was my theme in selling to the Southern Agriculturist, Nashville, Tenn.; the Adult Student Quarterly (Methodist) Nashville; the Christian Advocate 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, and the West Virginia Review, Charleston, West Virginia. Other magazines reluctantly turned my articles down because they were not quite "in the groove." The central theme was a plea to the church for a closer cooperation with farmers and farm groups. Farmers were already interested in the preservation of the soil. The church needed to get interested—for its own salvation.

-Frank W. Ball

"How can I possibly break into print with a good-sized article in a nationally-circulated magazine?" thought I. None of the big-shot editors knew me, so my one salvation would be subject-matter. Countless ideas and subjects mulled in and out of my mind like a parade of vanishing shadows. But not one satisfied me! I wanted a subject that everyone is familiar with—national in scope with plenty of human interest saturating the piece.

One day, under my very nose, the figure of "Johnny," the cigarette bell hop, loomed before me. "Who is he? Is he real? Is he human as you and I? These questions hounded me for days, when I finally sat down and queried Henry Walsh Lee at Reader's Digest to ascertain whether he would like me to write an article on this human trade-mark.

Only a few days elapsed before Editor Lee wrote that he, too, thought of "Johnny" as a possible story. Besides giving me the green-light, the editor kindly gave me the name of Sid Wain, public relations man for Phillip Morris and Company, sponsors of "Johnny."

"Get right up to see Mr. Wain," wrote Editor Lee, "and I'm sure he'll give you all the material you need!"

It was probably the grandest letter I've ever received! Quickly I telephoned Mr. Wain at his

Park Avenue office and told him that Reader's Digeset would like a story on "Johnny" and that I was commissioned to take care of the assignment. "Come right up to my office!" exclaimed Mr. Wain.

I met "Johnny" in person, and besides getting this first-hand material, Mr. Wain gave me reams of information about the midget which I incorporated into the story. Weeks later the script "The Story of Johnny" was completed. Mr. Wain read it and was highly pleased. Next he sent duplicate copies of the story to Alfred E. Lyon and George J. Henn, president and vice-president, respectively, of Phillip Morris and Company.

One day, after the article appeared in Reader's Digest, I received a telephone call from Mr. Henn inviting me to visit him at his office. Much to my amazement he showed me a copy of Advertiser's Digest. a reprint publication, which featured "The Story of Johnny."—Malcolm Hyatt.

NEW BOOKS

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Sugarman (price not indicated, but normally available in libraries). Both are sketchy jobs of their subjects, the one on journalism more complete and sound than the one on the more difficult subject of free-lance writing.

A thorough source-book and guide to specialized work is *Public Relations* by William A. Nielander and Raymond W. Miller (Ronald Press, 55.00). A new printing is available, in paper binding, of *Writing and Selling Greeting Gard Verse* by June Barr (The Writer, \$1.00).

The Press and Society, edited by George L. Bird and Frederic E. Merwin (Prentice-Hall, \$6.65) is an immense anthology of pieces designed to assess the "role of the press in American life." In How to Test Readability Rudolf Flesch (Harpers, \$1.00) continues his efforts to simplify the use of the English language.

How to Write for Pleasure and Profit, edited by Warren Bower (Lippincott, \$4.95), is an immense book, containing 35 good chapters on almost all aspects of writing. The book is a good balance between trying to cover the whole field and trying to be thorough about any one field. One of the better books.

Advanced Writing by Robert L. Zetler and W. George Crouch (Ronald Press, \$3.25) secures its name from its plan as a textbook for advanced comp classes in college. Sean O'Faolain's The Short Story (Devin-Adair, \$3.75) is a brilliant examination of the literary form by an outstanding writer of stories:

A good book in a most specialized field is Editorial Cartooning by Dick Spencer III (Iowa State College Press, \$2.75). The same publisher issues A Guide to Radio-TV Writing by Laurence R. Campbell, Harry E. Heath, Jr., and Ray V. Johnson, chiefly designed for textbook purposes.

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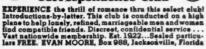
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Instead of falling off with the coming of summer, as is usually the case, radio and television markets on the West Coast show a distinct lift this year.

A new half-hour program with the stimulating title of Operation Danger started June 26th as a weekly CBS sustaining feature. When I talked to John Meston, CBS script editor early in June, he told me the format would be one of action stories centering around the idea of espionage. In plain words, spy stories. The program pays well-\$450 per script-so if you have any cloak and dagger ideas that might fit this series, drag out the typewriter and get started. Unhackneyed plots, novelty of character and plenty of movement are wanted for this excellent new market. Melodramatic cliches are to be avoided, says Mr. Meston, and while intrigue and romance are of course the essence of this type of dramatic effort, believability is important. Scripts should play about twenty-five minutes. Be sure to listen and write for CBS release before submitting. Address John Meston, c/o Columbia Broadcasting System, 6121 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 28, Calif.

Another of Mr. Meston's dramatic babies, and another opportunity for free-lance writers, is Escape, which started again July 4th after a hiatus of some months. This is the "high adventure" series featuring unusual, even startling, incident and background. The "Escape" of the title indicates that the desired effect of the program is to carry the listener away from the drab

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Suspense, another standby of the free-lance writer, went off for the summer the end of June. and while it is expected it may resume in the fall, no definite announcement has been madeat this time.

The Whistler, however, will continue right on through the summer, paying \$250 for halfhour scripts of the psychological mystery type. Too many writers who submit to this market forget that the story is broken at the high point of interest by the closing commercial, which auto-matically separates the ending into two halves. The first half offers the apparent solution to the mystery but the real pay-off comes after the commercial. Submit script to George Allen, c/o CBS, Hollywood.

Family Theatre is now very much in the market for original half-hour scripts. This is in contrast to their former policy of accenting adaptations. Half, or more, of the stories used for this program will henceforth be original. While Family Theatre is sponsored by a religious organization and its purpose is actually to sell the idea that "the family that prays together stays together," Father Jerome Lawyer, who acts as script editor, says they do not want strong, emotional pull. Family Theatre has been They do want entertaining, logical stories with strong, emotional pull. Family Theatre has been known, even, to use material bordering on light comedy, when believability and human interest are also ingredients. Because the program is supported by donations to the church, fee is not large-\$150. Address the Rev. Jerome R. Lawyer,

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- A&I -

Story-a-Day magazine has met with some difficulties, editor Lucile Gulliver tells us, so that publication date is again indefinite. Few manuscripts will be considered until a publication date can be announced.

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The Caliper, of Toronto, has left the free-lance market.

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Scratch Garden News Syndicate from our May syndicate market list.

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From Bruce Strasser, our east coast reporter on radio-TV markets: "Cameo Theater is back on NBC for a while with half-hour intimate dramas. Somerset Maugham show goes back to a half hour. Armstrong Circle Theater now pays up to \$750 for a half-hour script."

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Readers have protested the methods of the Volitant Publishing Co., including editor W. W. Scott of Man-to-Man magazine. One reader reports failure to receive payment for an article used in the Dec., 1950, issue of Man-to-Man.

- A&1 -

We are reminded that English publishers use a great many western and mystery novels from American writers. Sometimes books sell in England which do not find a market in the U.S. Writers of western and mystery novels are well advised to make two carbons, so that one carbon may be submitted to English publishers while the original is being submitted here.

Notes from New York:

Jack O'Sullivan at Fiction House, 130 W. 42nd St., is all bought up for *Planet Stories* and does not need shorts for his other books, but he does need novel lengths (40M to 60M) in these three categories: detective, western and science adventure.

Christine Holbrook at Better Living, 230 Park Ave., wants stories in the 4M word length, and general interest articles including humor. Going

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(We received many replies to the letter by D.H. in our June issue. Here are two typical ones. We thought the original protest by D.H. a huge joke, but we were glad so many readers wanted to extend a helping hand. Editor's note.)

"To D.H.: Hew to the quick, and let the dead chips fall where they may. Then, turn yourself into a peddler. Treat your fine work impersonally. Knock on enough doors and you'll sell. Forget they're yours and peddle them, and you'll not only sell but have them come back to you years after and say, 'Why didn't you give me a chance on those?' A friend of mine encouraged me to do this. One poem we sent out 248 times. It sold to a newspaper-no pay, no copyright, not a poetry column, in the public domain. Other papers slowly took it up; we sent it out some more, and now I out of 3 print it. Still no pay, for it is in the public domain; but it has been around the world, Australia, African, Hawaii, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, South America. Others are paying, and editors now ask for more, including some big ones. A&J has a good list, the best.

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skip, and jump, plus a hard horseback ride, from one house to another.

The problems are certainly clear in such an area. And that is why I think the new development has come out of the West, particularly. For that reason I am particularly pleased to have for this issue Dale White's report on the interesting Montana Institute of the Arts and the leadership provided by such good friends as H. G. Merriam, Joseph Kinsey Howard, Norman Fox, and Dale White. This development of a conference (the Montana conference is being held this month at Missoula) and a continuing group activity among writers—and also among associated artists—on a

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statewide basis is a tremendous shot in the arm to writers of that state.

My own slant happens to be a regional intention. Here, for a moment, I must step out of the shoes of the editor of $A\dot{v}J$ and talk in a more personal role. Although my very wonderful associates on $A\dot{v}J$ support activities on behalf of writers and throw the great weight of the magazine—the core of writers' aids, or, as Horace Critchlow so ably puts it, "the right arm of the writer"—behind the sound developments for writers, they cannot be committed to more than support for other activities in which I am engaged

During the years I have been in Denver, the years since World War II, I have looked forward to the establishment of combined activities and services—informally combined, it is true, since they must be "owned and operated" at various places and with various persons—upon a large regional basis. The region is broadly interpreted to include the great plains, the mountain areas, the Southwest, and the Pacific Coast; but, since our work has enlisted the support and interest of hundreds outside even that large area, no particular region is excluded. In this toward which we have been working, we have had the cooperation of dozens of able people—the staff of AbJ, teachers and writers of many sorts, people who have proved that they can "put out" to other writers in a truly helpful manner.

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With the exception of the tie-in of publishing with writers' services, and the week-end writers' conferences, all these fall within the four important types of activities among writers which I mentioned early in this column. But those two developments-plus the energetic activities of our friends in Montana-indicate that now we are ready for the step for which I have been preparing for some time a somewhat informal but effective tie-up of writers' services, contacts, exchanges, on a large regional basis, to be given some such informal title as "regional writers' services and center." With the exception of the people attending the current workshop at Denver, the readers of AbJ are the first to learn of this development. I solicit your good wishes for the effort, and your support for other writers when it is needed. Together we build the true satisfactions of the greatest of all professionsthe breaking of barriers to achieve the common sharing of experience and knowledge.-A.S.

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